GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS TO POWER PLANTS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has been supplying gas to private sector power projects in the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments have urged the Union Government not to allot Gas to private power projects without their recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) The natural gas produced by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGCL), after meeting their internal requirement, is handed over to Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) for supply to various consumers including the power sector in the country. In Maharashtra, GAIL is currently supplying natural gas to Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Uran at an average of 2.47 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) and around 0.78 MMSCMD to Tata Electric Company, Trombay. However, an allocation of 4000 SCMD of natural gas has been made for supply in Gujarat under direct marketing scheme by ONGCL to M/s Gujarat State Energy Generation Ltd. for power generation.

(c) & (d) The gas allocations to consumers in various sectors including private power projects are made on the recommendations of an inter-ministerial committee, namely, Gas Linkage Committee.